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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM IN NAIROBI

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1. RECONFIRMING PARA 4, REFTTEL A, KENYAN 3-MAN OFFICE WILL
BE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAM (TAFT). ALL COSTS OF
TAFT MUST BE REIMBURSED BY KENYANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD
DIRECTIVE 5132.10, SECTION 111.K (COPY OF DIRECTIVE
POUCHED TO EMBASSY), WHICH STATES HOST COUNTRY WILL BEAR
ALL COST REQUIREMENTS OF TAFT.

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2. SECTION 515 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED, REGARDING TERMINATION OF MAAGS AND SIMILAR GROUPS MAKES CLEAR STRONG CONGRESSIONAL DESIRE TO REDUCE SHARPLY OUR OVERSEAS MILITARY PERSONNEL PERFORMING SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS GENERALLY, EXCEPT IN MOST IMPORTANT CASES. ADDITIONALLY, THE FUNCTION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO KENYA IS RELATED TO A SPECIFIC PURCHASE OF F-5 AIRCRAFT AND WILL NOT RPT NOT HAVE BROADER DUTIES. BASED ON THE FOREGOING, WE CONSIDER IT IMPRUDENT TO ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY A US FUNDED SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENT IN KENYA.

3. AIR FORCE HAD LIMITED TO A MINIMUM NUMBER OF REQUIRED TECHNICIANS (REF B) IN LOA ON ASSUMPTION THREE USAF OFFICERS WOULD BE IN COUNTRY ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY. WITH RECENT DECISION THAT EMBASSY ELEMENT WILL BE A TAFT, USAF IS BEING DIRECTED TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO LOA. AMENDMENT WILL ESTIMATE TAFT COST AND ARRIVAL DATE IN COUNTRY. WHILE SIGNED AMENDMENT TO LOA COULD NOT ARRIVE IN NAIROBI BEFORE 31 AUGUST, YOU SHOULD NOW APPRISE KENYANS THAT COST OF TAFT WILL BE ADDED BY AMENDMENT. YOU SHOULD NOT LET INCOMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAFT KEEP KENYA FROM SIGNING THE LOA BY 31 AUGUST EXPIRATION DATE SINCE NON-ACCEPTANCE OF LOA WOULD CAUSE DELIVERY DATES OF F-5ES TO SLIP AND WOULD NECESSITATE REVALIDATION OF LOA COST ESTIMATES. PRIOR TO PRESENTING LOA TO KENYANS YOU SHOULD ADD THE FOLLOWING AFTER ITEM 25, PAGE 9: QUOTE: THIS LOA IS SIGNED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE AN AMENDMENT ADDING UP TO 3 OFFICERS AS A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAM (TAFT) FUNDED BY GOK. END QUOTE. WE WILL FORWARD BY MSG THE ESTIMATED COST OF TAFT AS SOON AS AIR FORCE COMPUTES IT ALONG WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE TAFT AMENDMENT AND WE WILL POUCH THE ACTUAL AMENDMENT.

4. WHILE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF TAFT GROUP, AS WELL AS 11 PERSONS LISTED IN LOA, IS TO SUPPORT GOK F5 PURCHASES, TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL PROVIDE FOR US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY TO OPERATE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND POLICY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION, TO USE EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS, AND TO KEEP EMBASSY FULLY AND SECRET

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COMPLETELY INFORMED.

5. WE REGRET MISUNDERSTANDING AND INCONVENIENCE CREATED FOR YOU AND GOK.

6. DOD CONCURS. KISSINGER

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